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SUBJECT: LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD FROM PRIME MINISTER

CARAMANLIS

REF: STATE 174045

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS TO PRESIDENT FORD IN RESPONSE TO LATTER'S MESSAGE OF AUGUST 9: BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY TO YOU MY CONGRATULATIONS UPON YOUR ASSUMING THE HIGHEST OFFICE IN YOUR GREAT COUNTRY; I WISH YOU FULL SUCCESS IN YOUR HARD TASK, FOR THE SAKE NOT ONLY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BUT ALSO OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK YOU WARMLY FOR THE MESSAGE YOU SENT ME. I WAS PARTICULARLY MOVED BY THE FACT THAT, DESPITE THE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH YOU ASSUMED YOUR HIGH DUTIES, SOME OF YOUR FIRST THOUGHTS TURNED TO GREECE AND TO ME PERSONALLY.

THE DIFFICULTIES I FACE AND FOR WHICH YOU SHOWED SUCH A CLOSE SYMPATHY ARE GREAT INDEED. I TOOK OVER THE TASK OF GOVERNING MY COUNTRY IN EXTREMELY CRITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES. I BELIEVE THAT MY DUTY IS, ON THE ONE HAND TO RELIEVE MY COUNTRY FROM THE HARDSHIPS OF MANY YEARS OF DICTATORSHIP AND LEAD HER TO A HEALTHY AND RESPONSIBLE DEMOCRACY; ON THE OTHER HAND TO DELIVER HER FROM THE DANGEROUS TENSIONS AND AGONY CAUSED BY THE TRAGEDY OF CYPRUS. THE NEED OF A

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SIMULTANEOUS SOLUTION TO BOTH THOSE PROBLEMS DETERMINES

THEIR MAGNITUDE AND CRITICAL CONDITION.

IN THESE DIFFICULT MOMENTS THE PROMPTNESS YOU DISPLAYED  
IN SHOWING YOUR INTEREST AND UNDERSTANDING STRENGTHENS  
MY HOPES THAT ALL THE NEEDED EFFORTS WILL BE MADE BY  
YOUR COUNTRY AND YOU PERSONALLY, SO THAT PEACE AND JUSTICE  
WILL BE SECURED IN THE EASTERN MEDITERANEAN REGION NOW IN  
DANGER. IF THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED I AM ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED  
THAT THE GREEK PEOPLE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO BUILD  
UNDIVERTEDLY ON THEIR OWN A REAL AND MODERN DEMOCRACY  
WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED TO.

THE FULFILMENT OF THIS ASPIRATION WILL CERTAINLY  
CONSTITUTE AN IMPORTANT SUCCESS FOR THE WHOLE FREE WORLD,  
A SUCCESS WHICH I AM SURE WILL ALSO REFLECT ON YOUR  
COUNTRY, AS A LEADING POWER UNDER YOUR ADMINISTRATION.

WITH WARMEST WISHES,

SINCERELY YOURS,

CONSTANTINE CARAMANLIS END TEXT.

COMMENT: FONOFF SECTY GEN VLACHOS CALLED AMBASSADOR TO SAY  
GOG WOULD LIKE TO RELEASE EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES AND HOPED THIS  
WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO UST. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.

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